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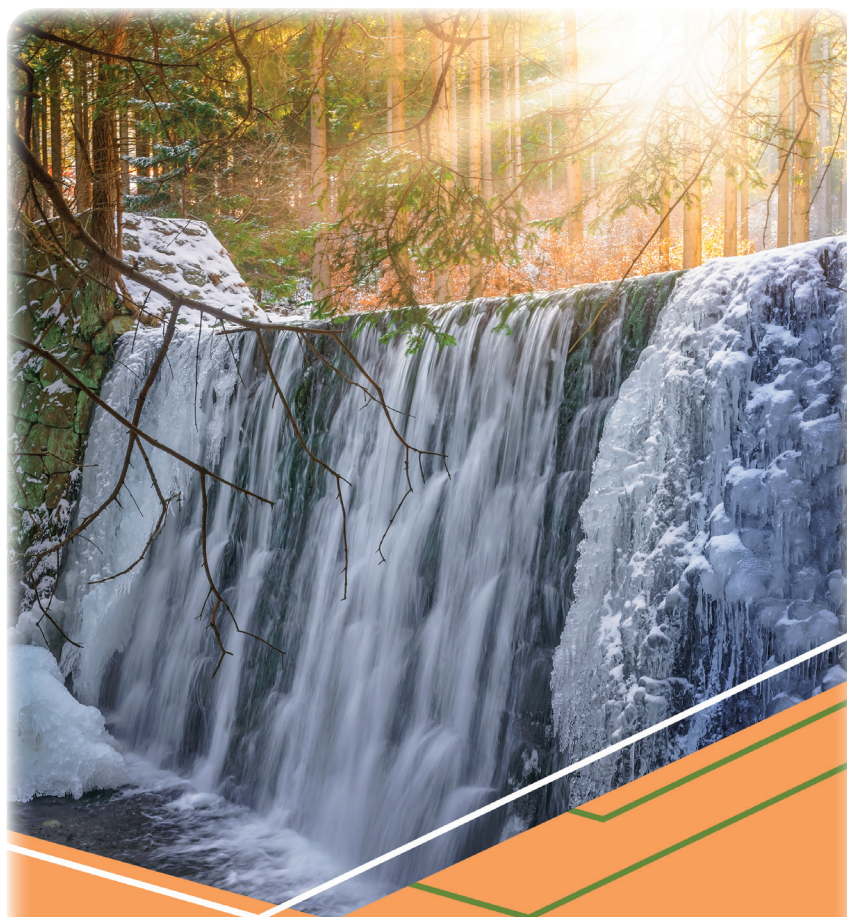
THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD



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THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. - Lk 3:21-22a

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil - 5:00 PM ✠ Sunday - 10:00 AM ✠ (Kateri Circle Mass) 4th Sunday - 1:30 PM ✠
Tuesday, Thursday & Friday - 12:10 PM ✠ Sacrament of Reconciliation - Saturdays 4 to 4:30PM

to add someone to our prayer list, please contact pastoralministries@stleoparish.org

Para información en Español, por favor llame al teléfono (253) 272-5136

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Daily Scripture Readings

13 January – Monday

St. Hilary

1st Reading: Hebrews 1: 1-6

Gospel: Mark 1: 14-20

14 January – Tuesday

1st Reading: Hebrews 2: 5-12

Gospel: Mark 1: 21-28

15 January – Wednesday

1st Reading: Hebrews 2: 14-18

Gospel: Mark 1: 29-39

16 January – Thursday

1st Reading: Hebrews 3: 7-14

Gospel: Mark 1: 40-45

17 January – Friday

St. Anthony

1st Reading: Hebrews 4: 1-5, 11

Gospel: Mark 2: 1-12

18 January – Saturday

1st Reading: Hebrews 4: 12-16

Gospel: Mark 2: 13-17

19 January – Sunday

Second Sunday

in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Isaiah 62: 1-5

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 12: 4-11

Gospel: John 2: 1-11

ST. LEO CHURCH

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LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday - 5 PM

Sunday - 8 AM, 10 AM, 12:30 PM

Monday - Friday - 9 AM

" Today, the Feast of the Baptism of Jesus, let us ponder the day of our Baptism. All of us were baptized, let us give thanks for this gift. I ask you a question: which of you knows the date of your Baptism? Surely not everyone. Therefore, I encourage you to find out the date, by asking, for example, your parents, your grandparents, your godparents, or reach out to the parish of baptism. It is very important to know it, because it is a date to be celebrated: it is the date of our rebirth as Children of God. For this reason, homework for this week: go and find out the date of your Baptism. Celebrating that day means and reaffirms our adherence to Jesus, with the commitment to live as Christians, members of the Church and of a new humanity, in which all are brothers and sisters". ~Pope Francis - 2016

We
pray
for



Sick: Sr. Pat Michalek and Eugena Buena-Douglas.

Deceased: Wilford Augustin, Fr. James Lee and Elizabeth Kollen.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.



If your loved one is facing surgery or has a chronic health condition, they can receive the sacramental Anointing of the Sick after any mass. Just notify the priest of this need either before or after mass.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

JANUARY 18	THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME — MASS VIGIL MASS — 5:00 PM
JANUARY 19	THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME — MASS — 10:00 AM — LIVE STREAMED
JANUARY 25	THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME — VIGIL MASS — 5:00 PM
JANUARY 26	THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME— MASS - 10:00 AM — LIVE STREAMED
JANUARY 26	THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME — KATERI CIRCLE MASS — 1:30 PM
FEBRUARY 1	THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME — MASS VIGIL MASS — 5:00 PM
FEBRUARY 2	THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME — MASS — 10:00 AM — LIVE STREAMED
FEBRUARY 8	THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME — MASS VIGIL MASS — 5:00 PM
FEBRUARY 9	THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME — MASS — 10:00 AM — LIVE STREAMED

Lenten Small Faith Groups

Lent will begin in just two short months. Would you consider hosting and facilitating a small group in your home for 6-8 people? Training will be provided if needed. Lenten groups meet just once a week for 6 weeks. You pick the day and time. Please contact Jo Ann Saucedo at 206-369-0976 or saucedojoann235@gmail.com if interested by January 31st to allow time for preparation. This is a wonderful and simple opportunity to grow in faith, make new friends and deepen your relationship with Christ.



Dear Parishioners,

For quite some time the regional Pax Christi International groups have been gathering in Seattle at this time of year to recite the Vow of Nonviolence at St. James Cathedral or another Catholic church.

“Pax Christi” means “Peace of Christ”, and Pax Christi International is a Catholic peace movement whose mission is “to transform a world shaken by violence, terrorism, deepening inequalities, and global insecurity.” Our local Pax Christi Tahoma group’s inspirational leader and founder was Father William Bichsel SJ (“Bix”).

Why do we recite the Vow of Nonviolence, and why do we say it at this time of year? Even before Jesus was born and became the living WORD, the prophet Isaiah taught nonviolence in saying that people needed to beat swords into ploughshares. Jesus on numerous occasions taught nonviolence. In the Beatitudes he stated, blessed are the peacemakers as they will be called “Children of God”. He taught us to reconcile with our sister, brother, or opponent rather than carry anger in our heart. He told us to not retaliate when we are hit by someone, and he taught us to love our enemies, as we all are creatures of our loving God. And when faced with being taken hostage and crucified, Jesus told his disciple to put his weapon down, and Jesus healed the ear that had been cut off of a soldier who was arresting him. Lastly, when confronted with being murdered, Jesus did not resist but he prayed for and forgave his opponents.

So, at this time of year when we consider making New Year’s Resolutions, we also need to consider our own thoughts of being upset or angry with family members, friends, government leaders and Church leaders. And we need to remember that God asks us to do whatever needs to be done, including praying and forgiving, so that we will continue to have God’s peace in our hearts.

If you have any questions, please contact Mark Bubenik.
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VOW OF NONVIOLENCE

RECOGNIZING THE VIOLENCE IN OUR OWN HEARTS, yet trusting in the goodness and mercy of God, we fervently desire to practice the nonviolence of Jesus who taught us in the Sermon on the Mount: “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the sons and daughters of God...You have learned how it was said, ‘You must love your neighbor and hate your enemy;’ but I say to you, love your enemies, and pray for those who persecute you. In this way, you will be daughters and sons of your Creator in heaven.”

Before God the Creator and the Sanctifying Spirit, we seek to live out of the love and example of Jesus:

- by striving for peace within ourselves and seeking to be peacemakers in daily life;
- by accepting suffering rather than inflicting it;
- by refusing to retaliate in the face of provocation and violence;
- by persevering in nonviolence of tongue and heart;
- by living conscientiously and simply so that we do not deprive others of the means to live;
- by actively resisting evil and working nonviolently to abolish war and the causes of war from our hearts and from the face of the earth.

God, we trust in your sustaining love and believe that just as you gave us the grace and desire to offer this, so you will also bestow abundant grace to fulfill it.

St. Leo Social Justice Page

St Leo Supportive Social Service Program – December 2024 Budget Report

Rental Assistance:	\$ 1,613.00
Utility Assistance:	\$ 250.00
Transit:	\$ 385.00
Auto:	\$ 710.00
Furniture Assist:	\$ 700.00
Home (Storage):	\$ 325.00
Bus Tickets:	\$ 500.00
Dept. of Lic.:	\$ 104.49
Birth Certs. -	\$ 57.50
Dec. Total Expense:	\$ 4,644.99

December Program Income for Soc Support: \$ 31,003.41*

December Monthly Balance for Social Support: \$ 26,358.42

Account balance for the Social Supportive Services program as of January 1, 2025, was: \$94,838.25. (*A good portion of December's income was a grant we received from the H.R.H. Foundation.)

We set a budget for January at: \$6,000.00. We will continue to budget outlay for Social Supportive Services based on the program's monthly income and overall account balance.

*St. Staff and our dedicated Volunteers will continue to assist individuals and families in need to the best of our abilities, mindful of good stewardship of your generous and gracious support.
THANK YOU*

Paschal Candle – 2025

This past Advent, we poured the Paschal Candle for Easter 2025. Advent is the time of waiting and preparing for coming of the Lord God Incarnate. The emphasis is on Incarnate. *God became one with us. God became one with all living creatures. All becomes sacred when we put the emphasis of our faith in the incarnation of the Deity.* The light of the Paschal Candle illuminates our world with that reality. Fact - All is sacred. Fact - All is interconnected. Fact – Our relationships are unfettered by time and space. Love and life in Christ, God Incarnate is Eternal. In the pouring of the Paschal Candle there is included a remnant of a Paschal Candle from the past. Our Paschal Candle represents the eternal Light of Christ, our intertwined and interconnectedness with Creation, and a faith that transcends time and space.

As we move into the year 2025, let not our hubris blind us to all that is Sacred, let not our fear hold us back in the work of Justice.

Rick
Keeper of Bees

7th Make the Connection Breakfast

February 25, 2025
William Bichsel Hall
St. Leo Parish



Save the Date

Mark your calendars for our 7th Make the Connection Breakfast, a fundraiser in support of St Leo Food Connection Emergency Food Programs.

Date/Time: Tuesday, February 25, 2025 7—8am

Location: William J Bichsel Social Hall at St Leo Parish
710 S 13th St Tacoma WA 98405

Tickets: Breakfast is free, and we hope you will consider donating to support hungry families in Pierce County!

Registration: Opens Feb 1, 2025

Don't think you can make it? Donations can be made at
foodconnection.org

For more information, please get in touch with Dawn Whitman at
253-361-9943 or dawnw@foodconnection.org



December 29, 2024

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

May the peace of our Lord be with you this Christmas season.

We, the Bishops of Washington State, stand with our brothers and sisters who are immigrants and refugees. The threats of mass deportations and forced separation of families have caused great fear for refugees and migrants and their families—documented and undocumented. These threats are contrary to the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the dignity of every human person that is central to the teachings of our Catholic faith.

In his encyclical letter *Fratelli Tutti*, Pope Francis reminds us, “If every human being possesses an inalienable dignity, if all people are my brothers and sisters, and if the world truly belongs to everyone, then it matters little whether my neighbor was born in my country or elsewhere” (#55).

While we uphold that we are a nation of laws, as we’ve stated in the past, we also know that the U.S. immigration system is severely flawed and in need of a comprehensive overhaul. As Christians we know our love for God is measured by our love of neighbor, particularly the most vulnerable. Rooted in Scripture, the Catholic Church has a long tradition of standing with those forced to migrate, “For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me” (Mt 25:35). Therefore, we cannot separate our love for God from our love for others, as we echo Pope Francis’ call to welcome, protect, promote and integrate immigrants (*Fratelli Tutti* 129).

Even the Statue of Liberty reminds us that migration is part of the fabric of our nation, with a line from Emma Lazarus, a Jewish-American immigrant author, engraved on its pedestal: “Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free.”

During this time of uncertainty and fear, we stand with our immigrant and refugee brothers and sisters. May all our brothers and sisters on the margins, especially migrants, refugees and asylum seekers, know that our parishes are open for prayer, comfort and solace. May each of us embrace the Gospel teaching and Pope Francis’ call to recognize the dignity of others as we welcome the stranger.

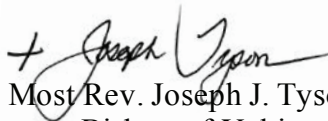
As pilgrims of hope entering into a Jubilee year, we journey together through these uncertain times knowing Our Lady of Guadalupe walks with us.

Our Lady of Guadalupe, pray for us!

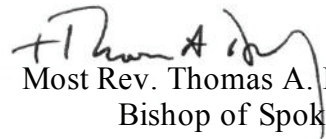
In the Heart of Christ,



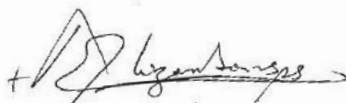
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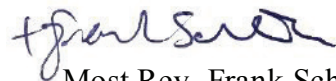
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